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Our records indicate that we have not received any further correspondence in reference to the above-identified application since October 2, 2003 when we received the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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